

With respect to claim 19, “the skill authentication data stored in the authentication recording medium further included data” has been amended to read --the skill authentication data stored in the authentication recording medium further includes data--.

With respect to claim 20, “the communication network” has been amended to read --a communication network-- and “the data received from the data management server” has been amended to read --data received from the data management server--.

With respect to claim 21, “the contents to be downloaded” has been amended to read --contents to be downloaded-- and “operation authority for system of device to be managed/maintained” has been amended to read --operation authority for an object system or device to be managed/maintained at a work site--.

With respect to claim 22, “the contents to be downloaded” has been amended to read --contents to be downloaded--.

With respect to claim 24, “the system of device to be managed/maintained” has been amended to read --an object system or device to be managed/maintained at a work site--, “the maintenance operation terminal comprising the authentication recording medium read/write device” has been amended to read --the maintenance operation terminal comprising an authentication recording medium read/write device--, “the terminal has a function to read the data recorded in the authentication recording medium” has been amended to read --the maintenance operation terminal has a function to read data recorded in the authentication recording medium--, “the identification authentication data” has been amended to read --identification authentication data--, and “after performing maintenance operation, the terminal for maintenance operation” has been amended to read --after performing a maintenance operation, the maintenance operation terminal--.

Therefore, applicant respectfully requests that the objections to claims 17 – 22 and 24 be withdrawn.

Claims 17 – 24 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Bly et al. (U.S. Patent Application Pub. No. 2002/0087345, hereinafter “Bly”). Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection.

With respect to independent claim 17, Bly does not disclose a terminal for maintenance operation of an object system or device at work sites that comprises an authentication recording medium read/write device, as claim 17 requires. Bly also does not disclose a system for maintaining qualification of an operator that uses an authentication recording medium to carry out a maintenance operation of an object system or device at work sites by the medium being inserted into the authentication recording medium read/write device of the terminal for maintenance operation, as claim 17 requires. Bly also does not disclose that the system for maintaining qualification of an operator is connected to the data management server via a mobile terminal and communication network and is connected to the PC for education via a local area network for sending or receiving data, as claim 17 requires.

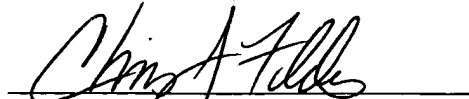
For these reasons, applicant submits that Bly does not disclose all of the limitations of claim 17, and thus does not anticipate claim 17. Therefore, claim 17 is patentable over Bly. Claims 18 – 24, depending directly or indirectly from claim 17, are also patentable over Bly. Hence, applicant respectfully requests that the Section 102(e) rejection of claims 17 – 24 as being anticipated by Bly be withdrawn.

This amendment and request for reconsideration is believed to be fully responsive to the comments and suggestions of the examiner and to place this application in condition for allowance. Further, this amendment should be entered as it places the application in condition for allowance or in better form for appeal. No further search or consideration is required. Favorable action is requested.

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